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Mines Safety
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)the number of fatal accidents and casualties occurred in mines including underground mines and the compensation paid to the next of the kin of the deceased during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT- wise;
(b)the number of cases investigated along with the nature of irregularities detected during the said period, year-wise and State/UT-wise;
(c)the number of cases registered against the companies/persons for violation of mines safety norms along with the action taken against the guilty during the period, year-wise and State/UT-wise;
(d)whether the Director General of Mines Safety inspects the mines including coal mines regularly to ascertain the safety of mines and regular health check ups conducted to identify prevalence of occupational diseases like Silicosis in such workplaces; and
(e)if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the other measures including conducting of regular safety audits taken/being taken by the Government to prevent accidents in mines in the country including Eastern Coalfields Limited?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) to (c): The details of number of fatal accidents and casualties occurred, nature of irregularities and the details of number of cases registered against the companies/persons for violation is attached at Annexure-I. Compensation is given by the respective mining companies or owners.
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(d): Directorate General of Mines Safety inspects the mines including coal mines regularly to ascertain the safety and health of the persons employed in the mines.
Under the provisions of Rule 29B of the Mines Rule, 1955 periodical medical examinations of the persons employed in the mines are conducted by the owner, agent or manager of the mines to identify prevalence of occupational diseases like Silicosis in such work places and regular inspection of the mines to ascertain regular health checkup of the persons employed in the mines.
(e): Total 13038 inspections, including 75 inspections by officers of occupational health cadre of DGMS, have been carried out in year 2016.

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